

Based on known lightning fatalities through 6/21/08

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2008 Lightning Fatalities									
Number	Date	D of W	State	City	Age	Sex	Location	Activity	Victim
01	1/11/2008	Friday	SC	Aiken	56	F	Outside, near building	Taking a break from work	Brenda F. Baker
02	2/5/2008	Tuesday	OH	Lewisville	60	M	Open Field	Tending cows	Neil Christman
04	5/24/2008	Saturday	KS	Vassar	20	M	In tent/under trees	Camping	Nathan Sullivan
03	5/22/2008	Thursday	AR	Little Rock	17	M	Under tree	Standing outside house	Wendell Piggee
05	6/7/2008	Saturday	CT	Madison	23	M	Pavilion	Seeking shelter from rain	Mauricio Bugatti
06	6/11/2008	Wednesday	IA	Curlew	20	M	In yard at home		Galen Smith
07	6/14/2008	Saturday	PA	Tobyhanna	17	M	Lake	Swimming	Thomas Golden, Jr
08	6/15/2008	Sunday	FL	Bristol	6	F	Under Tree	Camping	Faith Pristine Jackson
09	6/20/2008	Friday	MA	Haverhill	47	M	Under trees	Hiking in park	Ralph Potter

2008 Lightning Fatality Demographics

By State

Lightning deaths have occurred in 9 states.

SC – 1

OH – 1

KS – 1

AR - 1
CT - 1
IA - 1
PA - 1
FL - 1
MA - 1

By Sex

Male - 7 (78%)
Female - 2 (22%)

By Age Category

Unknown 0 (0%)

0- 9 - 1 (11%)
10-19 - 2 (22%)
20-29 - 3 (33%)
30-39 - 0 (0%)
40-49 - 1 (11%)
50-59 - 1 (11%)
60-69 - 1 (11%)
70-79 - 0 (0%)
80-89 - 0 (0%)

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

By Day Of Week

Sun - 1
Mon - 0
Tue - 1
Wed - 1
Thu - 1
Fri - 2
Sat - 3

By Month

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Jan.	-	1	0	1	0
Feb.	-	1	0	0	0
Mar.	-	-	1	0	1
Apr.	-	-	1	3	2
May.	-	2	5	5	7
June	-	5	12	10	14
July	-	-	10	16	18
Aug.	-	-	9	7	13
Sept.	-	-	5	4	6
Oct.	-	-	2	2	1
Nov.	-	-	0	0	0
Dec.	-	-	0	0	0
YEAR		9*	45	48	62

* - Known Fatalities to date

Note: Normal is based on 30-yr average of 62 deaths per year (1977-2006) multiplied by the average monthly percentage of annual deaths from 1959-1994 as documented in NOAA Technical Memorandum NWS SR-193 with Dec 1961 plane crash fatalities removed from the data.